

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No. : 10/725,904 Confirmation No. 3195  
Applicant : J. Rodney Walton, et al.  
Filed : December 1, 2003  
Art Unit : 2472  
Examiner : Raj K. Jain  
Docket No. : 030412  
Customer No. : 23696

Mail Stop: **AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response extended two months and set to expire on May 10, 2010, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

***Petition for Extension of Time:***

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the three-month shortened statutory period for reply as set by the Examiner to cover the date this Response is filed. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit account 17-0026 for the requisite two-month extension fee of \$490.00.